According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 18, 2001**. The continued dry weather is starting to hurt pastures and fall seedings. Soil moisture was rated 19 percent very short, 61 percent short, 20 percent adequate.

	Progress In P	Conditions in Percentages									
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2000	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
Cotton	Harvested	99	96	100	99						
Soybeans	Harvested	99	98	99	97						
Wheat	Planted	94	84	84	90	0	7	22	37	34	
vviieat	Emerged	68	58	68	77	U					
Cattle						1	6	20	60	13	
Hay Supply									Surplus		
									38		
Feed Grain	-eed Grain							•	5		

## **County Agent Comments**

"Below average cotton yields and low cotton prices are forcing changes upon our local cotton producers. The adoption of reduced tillage and reduced fall inputs are part of those changes. Some of our 2001 producers will not be farming in 2002. Significantly less cotton will be planted next year."

Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

"We are in desperate need for rain. Some producers report ryegrass is dying. A lot of cool- season grazing has not germinated and some has not been planted. The grazing will be delayed this year. The abundant hay stored will greatly help."

-Shelby Bearden Copiah County

"We continue suffering the ill effects of terribly dry soil moisture conditions. No one has grass ready for grazing; typically we turn in on ryegrass/small grains in early- to- mid October. Beef and dairy producers need to have cattle grazing ryegrass/small grain pastures but will not be able to do so anytime soon. Even if we receive significant rainfall today, most producers will not have grass ready for grazing for another two to three weeks. Hay feeding has begun as the summer perennial grasses have gone into dormancy and been grazed short. Dairy producers continue positioning themselves for significant declines in milk prices over the next several months."

-Lamar Adam, Walthall County

"Harvest is progressing rapidly due to good harvest weather. Cotton producers are reporting good yields, but the winter pastures are suffering. The lack of rainfall has local cattle producers starting to feed hay. Luckily we have plenty of hay."

-Mike Steede, George County

"Weather conditions have been ideal for fall calving. The cool temperatures and no rainfall days are really nice, but we are to a point where we need some rain. Ryegrass that was planted early will make excellent pastures soon with some moisture, and late planted grass will get a start for next spring's grazing period."

-Stan Pace, Hancock County

"Producers need a good rain to stimulate growth in fall planted crops. The harvest is about over for cotton and soybeans. Livestock producers are starting to feed hay because of the poor growth in fall pastures."

- Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

Weather Summary from November 12, 2001 to November 18, 2001 for Mississippi

District/Station	Weather Summary from November 12,								Nove	mber 1	8, 2001	for Mi			
District/Station			Air Temperature			Precipitation									
1. Upper Delta   76	District/Station		Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN		DFN	I					
Clarksdale	1.	Upper Delta				<u>I</u>									
Tunica   75			76	40	59	53	+6	0.00	-1.27	0	0.00				
Extreme/Average		Cleveland								0					
2. North-Central   Holly Springs   Memphis   76   31   55   51   4   4   0.00   -1.31   0   0.93   63   52   57															
Holly Springs   76	_		76	40	58	54	+4	0.00	-1.26	0	0.31				
Memphis	2.									_					
Oxford   Extreme/Average   SO   35   58   52   +6   0.00   -1.35   0   0.62												63	52	57	
Extreme/Average   80   31   58   53   +5   0.00   -1.30   0   0.66   63   52   57															
3. Northeast												62	E 2	<b>5</b> 7	
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Corinth   16	٥.		73	40	56	52	<b>+</b> 4	0.00	-1 28	0	0.38				
Lika															
Pontotoc   76									0						
Tupelo Verona Extreme/Average					58	53	+ 5		-1.15						
Extreme/Average   A		Tupelo		37	56	53	+3	0.00	-1.13	0	0.41				
4. Lower Delta Belzoni Greenwood Rolling Fork Rolling For		Verona													
Belzoni   Greenwood   78   37   60   55   +5   0.00   -1.17   0   0.79     Rolling Fork Stoneville   78   40   60   55   +5   0.00   -1.10   0   0.07   73   60   66   0.08     Rolling Fork Stoneville   78   40   60   55   +5   0.00   -1.23   0   0.01		Extreme/Average	76	30	55	52	+ 3	0.00	-1.23	0	0.41				
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